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SUBJ: PREFERRED SPELLING OF PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS'
NAME

1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT SPELLINGS BEING USED WITHIN USG -- AND IN THE U.S. AND WORLD PRESS -- OF PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS' NAME. THIS IS DUE, OF COURSE, TO THE DIFFICULTY OF RENDERING INTO THE ENGLISH ALPHABET THE EXACT SPELLING OF HIS NAME IN GREEK, ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE IS NO LETTER "C" IN THE GREEK ALPHABET. PROBABLY THE MOST ACCURATE TRANSLITERATION OF HIS GREEK NAME WOULD BE "KONSTANTINOS KARAMANLIS."

2. THE EMBASSY HAS -- IN PASSING -- TAKEN THIS UP WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. BOTH HAVE REAFFIRMED, INCLUDING AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, THAT THE PRIME MINISTER PREFERS THAT HIS NAME BE SPELLED, BOTH IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH, AS CONSTANTINE CARAMANLIS -- THAT IS, WITH A "C" AND NOT A "K" AS THE INITIAL LETTER OF BOTH HIS FIRST AND LAST NAMES -- AS HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY INDICATED TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN ATHENS LAST JULY.

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